

selecting by a user at least one of the encrypted content from the distributed contents;

decoding the encrypted content and utilizing thereof by the user;

showing summary information that is a summary of said contents attached to

said encrypted contents, said summary information is displayed only in case it

is

accompanied by decoding information for decoding encrypted contents

corresponding to said summary information; and

executing accounting to the user according to said utilized content.

7. (Amended) A contents distribution system that distributes digitized contents to plural users, comprising:

a distribution device that distributes encrypted contents;

a user terminal that receives encrypted contents distributed by said distribution device, said user terminal displays said list information and said summary information; and said user terminal decodes only encrypted contents selected by a user based upon said displayed list information and summary information out of said encrypted contents received, said user terminal displays only list information and summary information respectively corresponding to encrypted contents having decoding information out of said list information and said summary information, the user terminal selects at least one encrypted content from the distributed encrypted contents, and generates accounting information according to the utilization of said selected encrypted content; and

a central station that collects and totalizes accounting information generated by said user terminal.